

M I N U T E S

1983 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MEETING FOR VIRGIN RIVER

February 22, 1983
St. George, Utah

Donald C. Norseth, Directing Engineer for the State Division of Water Rights, called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending at 3:10 p.m.

Mr. Norseth described the past water year as "Strange" and related the tremendous amounts of precipitation that had fallen over various parts of the State and especially, the continuous rainfall in the last three days of September that produced flooding along the Wasatch Front.

The minutes of the 1982 Virgin Distribution Meeting were read by Jerry Bronicel of the Division of Water Rights. Motion was made, to approve the minutes as read, by Ron Thompson. Seconded by Jim Felton. Motion carried.

Mr. Norseth presented the financial statement indicating the balance of trust funds as of January 1, 1982 was \$2,083.29. The receipts were listed at \$3,232.11 and \$2,944.66 was expended against that, leaving a balance of trust fund available as of December 31, 1982 of \$2,370.74.

Mr. Norseth explained that the additional amount taken from the commissioners salary was to make up the difference for the State's new matching retirement amount. A question was raised as to whether the commissioner could get out of the State Retirement Plan and Mr. Norseth answered "No", that the commissioner is a State Employee and as such, must remain in the retirement program.

A proposed new budget for 1983 was discussed line by line with the commissioners salary remaining the same at \$2,100. and an increase in the matching state retirement. The total 1983 budget was proposed at \$4,160. A motion to accept the proposal was made by W.W. Staheli and seconded by Don Lamoreaux. The budget motion was passed with the amendment that the assessment for 1983 remain at \$3,200, made by Jim Felton and seconded by Raymond DeMille. Motion passed.

The commissioners report was given by John Wadsworth. There were no major projects completed on the system other than regular maintenance.

Springdale suffered some major flooding during the summer and irrigation was suspended for some time.

The crop year was good with normal hay production and above average fruit crops. Fall rains made crop pick-up difficult and ground plantings suffered.

Hurricane station measured 10.28" of precipitation for water year. The river stayed high for a longer period because of additional water from Navajo Lake. Water outlook for the river, as of February 11, 1983, is very good. Snow pack on the Kolob is 177%.

There is a built in problem in the system with conservation with starting and stopping flows to smooth out the fluctuations in the River caused by weather conditions.

Ron Thompson made the motion to accept the commissioners report and second by Malin Swenson. Motion carried.

Raymond DeMille moved that John Wadsworth be appointed by the State as Virgin River Commissioner. Motion seconded by Ron Thompson. Motion was unanimous. Mr. Norseth said that he would appoint John as Commissioner.

Mr. Norseth announced that he had made a list of all rights on the System and wants John to review it for additions or corrections before it is released. Don will send a copy to the committee upon its finalization and will include a copy in next years report.

Gerald Stoker, Area Engineer from the Cedar City office, stated that the update of ownership of Virgin rights and the associated adjudication of the system may take up to four (4) years to complete.

Wayne Wilson asked to be replaced on the committee. No other changes on the committee

The meeting was adjourned by Evan Woodbury at 4:07 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jerry L. Bronicel.

Virgin River Annual Distribution System Meeting Attendees

Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights, SLC, UT
Jerry L. Bronicel	" " " " "
Raymond DeMille	Hurricane Canal Company
John Wadsworth	Hurricane, Utah
LaVar Farnaito?	St. George & Washington Canal Company
Malin Swenson?	" " " " "
Ronald W. Thompson	St. George & Washington Canal Company
W.W. Staheli	" " " " "
Jim Felton	Upper Virgin River Water Company
Donald C. Lamoreaux	Kolob Water Association
Charles C. Esplin	Self
Guy Bowler	Utah Power & Ligth
Rulon Brox?	" " " "
Larry Rainey	Division of Water Rights, Cedar City
Norma S. Sanders	La Verkin Canal Company
Gerald W. Stoker	Division of Water Rights, Cedar City
Evan Woodbury	St. George & Washington Canal Company